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SUBJ: CEAUSESCU VISIT

- 1. DURING MARCH 22 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ON PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF CEAUSESCU VISIT, DEPUTY FONMIN GLIGA ASKED THAT HIS DEEP APPREICATION BE EXPRESSED TO DEPARTMENT FOR WARM AND CORDIAL RECEPTION HE RECEIVED DURING PREVIOUS WEEK'S VISIT. GLIGA FELT CONSULTATIONS ON UNSSOD HAD BEEN HIGHLY USEFUL IN THAT IMPORTANT DIALOGUE ON CRITICAL SUBJECT CONTINUED AND POINTS OF U.S.-ROMANIAN ACCORD AND DISACCORD WERE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED.
- 2. GLIGA EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT AMBASSADOR NICOLAE'S HEALTH, AND REVEALED THAT NICOLAE HAD REJECTED HIS COUNSEL TO TRY TO GET AS MUCH REST AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO CEAUSESCU'S ARRIVAL.
- 3. ON UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS CONCERNING STATE VISIT, GLIGA SAID HE WAS TRYING TO GET DECISIONS FROM PRESIDENCY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. HE HOPED TO HAVE SEVERAL OF THEM BY MARCH 27, INCLUDING ROMANIAN DRAFT OF PROPOSED COMMUNIQUE. (IN DISCUSSION OF VISIT ANNOUNCEMENT MARCH 23, MFA DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DIRECTOR DOBROIU TOLD DCM DECISIONS WERE BEING HELD UP BY MARCH 22-23 CC PLENUM AND MARCH 24 GNA SESSION, BUT ROMANIAN DRAFT CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE READY AND AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY AS SOON AS VISIT ANNOUNCMENT AGREED.) HE EXPECTED TWO ROMANIAN OFFICIALS SELECTED TO NEGOTIATE COMMUNIQUE AND JOINT DECLARATION WOULD ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON AROUND APRIL 3 OR 4 WITH HOPE OF CONCLUDING WORK BY APRIL 9.

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